

Thursday, September 10, 1959

HIGHLIGHTS

Both Houses overrode President's veto of public works appropriation bill.

Senate passed 62 measures on calendar call, and passed numerous other bills, clearing several for White House.

House passed housing bill.

Conferees reached agreement on agricultural trade development extension.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 18873-18897

Bills Introduced: 8 bills and 3 resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2673-2680; S.J. Res. 140-141; and S. Res. 190.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2230, to amend the National Cultural Center Act with regard to disposition of certain donated funds (S. Rept. 991);

H.R. 8035, designating Dyberry Dam and Reservoir, Lackawaxen River Basin, Pa., as the Gen. Edgar Jadwin Dam and Reservoir (S. Rept. 992);

H.R. 616, designating the dam across the Lampasas River, Tex., as Stillhouse Hollow Dam (S. Rept. 993);

H.J. Res. 80, providing for the erection of a memorial tablet at Garden Key, Fla., in honor of Dr. Samuel Alexander Mudd (S. Rept. 994);

S. 743, to amend the Federal Coal Mine Safety Act in order to remove the exemption with respect to certain mines employing no more than 14 individuals, with amendment (S. Rept. 995);

S.J. Res. 103, authorizing the National Geographic Society to erect in the State of Virginia a memorial to Rear Adm. Richard E. Byrd (S. Rept. 996);

S. 2673, to provide for appointment of additional circuit and district judges, with amendments (S. Rept. 997);

H.R. 2982, to fix the official station of retired judges assigned to active duty (S. Rept. 998);

H.J. Res. 310, to authorize designation of period from October 17-24, 1959, as National Olympic Week (S. Rept. 999);

H.J. Res. 317, to change the designation of Child Health Day from May 1 to first Monday in October of each year (S. Rept. 1000);

H.R. 6809, 2068, 7640, 7935, and S. 609, private bills (S. Repts. 1001-1005);

S. Res. 183, authorizing printing of additional copies of part 3 of the Second Interim Report of the Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor or Management Field (no written report);

S. Res. 184, to print additional copies of part 4 of the Second Interim Report of the Select Committee on

Improper Activities in the Labor or Management Field (no written report);

S. Res. 186, to print as a Senate document the study entitled "Tensions in Communist China" (no written report);

H. Con. Res. 405, to print additional copies of hearings entitled "Hospital, Nursing Home, and Surgical Benefits for OASI Beneficiaries" (no written report);

S. Res. 190, authorizing the printing, as a Senate document, of the proceedings of the 39th biennial meeting of the convention of the American Institute of the Deaf (no written report);

S. Res. 173, commending the National Jaycee Community Development Program (no written report); and

H. Con. Res. 404, to print additional copies of "Compendium of Papers Submitted on Revision of Federal Income Tax Laws" (no written report).

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Bills Referred: Two House-passed bills were referred to appropriate committees.

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President's Communication: Communication from President was received transmitting proposed supplemental appropriations to pay claims for damages and a judgment rendered against the U.S. in amount of \$323,629, together with indefinite interest—referred to Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed as S. Doc. 56.

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Call of Calendar: On call of calendar, 62 measures, of which 34 were private, were passed as follows:

Without amendment and cleared for President:

D.C. life insurance: H.R. 7145, relating to the regulation of the business of life insurance in the D.C.;

Montana Indians: H.R. 6508, granting mineral rights on certain lands in the Crow Indian Reservation, Mont., to certain Indians (motion to reconsider tabled);

Bi-State development: H.J. Res. 465, to approve certain additional powers conferred upon the Bi-State Development Agency by Missouri and Illinois;

Texas City disaster: H.R. 4821, proposing amendments to the Texas City Disaster Relief Act (motion to reconsider tabled);

West Virginia-Virginia: H.R. 7474, granting consent of Congress to a compact between West Virginia and

Virginia relative to certain boundaries between such States;

Court fees: H.R. 5257, to permit the filing of proceedings without prepayment of court fees by any person who makes affidavit that he is unable to pay such costs;

Madeira Beach, Fla.: H.R. 2390, for the relief of Madeira Beach, Fla.;

Oklahoma court: H.R. 7979, relating to quarters and accommodations for holding court by the Federal district court at Durant, Okla.;

Virgin Islands: H.R. 7870, proposed Virgin Islands Organic Act Amendments of 1959;

Guam: H.R. 3608, to authorize \$2 million for the Secretary of the Navy to acquire certain land on the island of Guam;

Michigan bridge: H.R. 3180, to extend for 3 additional years the time within which the State of Michigan may commence and complete the construction of certain bridges; and

Private bills: 25 private bills, H.R. 7683, 4894, 3096, 1455, 1499, 1520, 1701, 2631, 3410, 4839, 5645, 5910, 6405, 6720, 6886, 6954, 7256, 2090, 7518, 7550, 3111, 2695, 2077, H.J. Res. 446 and 477.

With amendment, to be sent back to House:

Tax exemption—adopted children: H.R. 47, to amend the Internal Revenue Code so as to provide a personal exemption for children placed for adoption;

Oklahoma relief: H.R. 7605, for the relief of the State of Oklahoma;

Guam: H.R. 4603, to permit the government of Guam, with the consent of the legislature thereof, to be sued;

Police Band Director: H.R. 3030, to fix the rate of retired pay of the Director of the Metropolitan Police Band;

D.C. firemen and police: H.R. 3735, relating to retirement of D.C. firemen and policemen;

Texas toll bridge: H.R. 8582, to authorize the San Benito International Bridge Co. to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Rio Grande near Los Indios, Tex. (motion to reconsider tabled);

Texas toll bridge: H.R. 8694, authorizing construction of a toll bridge across the Rio Grande at or near Rio Grande City, Tex. (motion to reconsider tabled); and

Private bills: Six private bills, H.R. 1434, 2302, 6884, H.J. Res. 478, 479, and H.R. 1387.

Without amendment and cleared for House:

D.C.—births: S. 2327, relating to the registration of births in the D.C.;

D.C.—teachers: S. 2445, authorizing the conferring of the degree of master of arts in education on certain students of the D.C. Teachers College;

D.C.—Teachers College: S. 2466, authorizing the establishment of a junior college division within the D.C. Teachers College;

Minerals policy: S. 1537, to establish a national mining and minerals policy;

Shut-Ins' Day: S.J. Res. 93, designating the first Sunday of June of each year as Shut-Ins' Day;

Kansas-Nebraska compact: S. 1605, granting consent of Congress to Kansas and Nebraska to enter into a compact relating to apportionment of waters; and

Private bills: Two private bills, S. 1193 and 2309.

With amendments and cleared for House:

Alaska: S. 2628, to establish study commission on development of rivers, ports, and drainage basins of Alaska;

D.C.—nurses: S. 1870, providing for examination, licensing, registration, and regulation of professional and practical nurses in the D.C.;

D.C.—teachers' leave: S. 2439, authorizing certain D.C. teachers to count, for retirement purposes, certain periods of authorized leave without pay for educational purposes; and

Private bill: One private bill, S. 1703.

Resolution adopted without amendment:

Minerals policy: H. Con. Res. 177, to establish a national mining and minerals policy.

Bills indefinitely postponed: S. 2531 and 2590.

Pages 18897-18924

Public Works Appropriations: Message from President vetoing H.R. 9105, fiscal 1960 public works appropriations, was taken from desk and by 72 yeas to 23 nays the bill, on reconsideration, was passed over the veto and became law, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding.

Pages 18924-18927

Mineral Leasing: Senate adopted conference report and cleared for White House S. 2181, proposed Mineral Leasing Act Amendments of 1959.

Pages 18927-18928

Livestock Feed: S. 2504, authorizing the CCC to sell feed for livestock in emergency areas, was cleared for President when Senate concurred in House amendments thereto.

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Patent Examiners: Senate concurred in House amendments to S. 1845, relative to the fixing of salaries of examiners in chief of the Patent Office. This action cleared bill for President.

Pages 18930-18931

Fish and Wildlife—Insecticides: Senate concurred in House amendment to and cleared for President S. 1575, authorizing continued studies on the effects of insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, and other pesticides upon fish and wildlife.

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Airports—Alaska and Hawaii: S. 2208, to provide for equal treatment for States of Alaska and Hawaii under the Federal Airport Act, was cleared for Presidential action when Senate concurred in House amendments thereto.

Pages 18938-18939

Farm Loans: Senate adopted conference report on and cleared for President H.R. 7629, relating to extension

and expansion of refinancing loan authority of the Secretary of Agriculture.

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Economic Mission to India: Senate adopted S. Con. Res. 11, to seek U.S. initiative for a joint free-world economic mission to India, after agreeing to committee amendments thereto.

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Mutual Defense Assistance Control: Senate passed without amendment S. 1697, providing that economic aid under Mutual Defense Assistance Control Act of 1951 shall be open to any nation or area except Soviet Union and Communist-held areas of Far East, if important to U.S. security. Following its passage, Senator Johnson (Texas) entered motion for reconsideration of this action.

Pages 18932-18933

Government Employees' Health: Senate concurred (with amendments) to House amendment to S. 2162, to provide a health benefits program for Government employees.

Pages 18933-18938

Intergovernmental Relations: Senate passed H.R. 6904, to establish an Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, after amending its text by substituting the language of S. 2026, companion bill. Motion to reconsider this action was tabled.

S. 2026 was then indefinitely postponed.

Senate insisted on its amendment, asked for conference with House, and appointed as conferees Senators Muskie, Humphrey, and Mundt.

Pages 18930, 18933, 18939-18948

Land Transfer—Wyoming: S. 857, authorizing conveyance of certain lands in Wyoming to the city of Cheyenne, was passed without amendment. Motion to reconsider passage was tabled.

Pages 18948-18949

D.C. Stadium: Senate passed with committee amendments (motion to reconsider tabled) H.R. 8392, to amend the D.C. Stadium Act with respect to motor vehicle parking areas.

Pages 18957-18958

Small Business: H.R. 8599, to amend in several respects the Small Business Act, was passed (motion to reconsider tabled), after adoption of Proxmire amendment providing that certain funds are to remain available for grants for research and management counseling during fiscal year 1960. S. 2612, companion bill, was indefinitely postponed.

Pages 18958-18959

Small Business Investment: Senate passed without amendment (motion to reconsider tabled) S. 2611, amendments to Small Business Investment Act of 1959.

Pages 18960-18961

Commission on Metropolitan Problems: S. 1431, to provide for the establishment of a Commission on Metropolitan Problems, was passed with several amendments by Senator Johnson (Texas) to increase membership of Commission from 18 to 21, to require cooperation of executive departments and agencies, and respecting per diem and expenses of members.

Pages 18961-18962

D.C. Taxes: Senate passed with committee amendments (motion to reconsider tabled) H.R. 4283, to exempt certain officers of the executive branch of the Government from the D.C. income and franchise tax.

Pages 18962-18963

Repatriated Americans: S. 2467, relating to the granting of emergency assistance to repatriated American nationals without available resources, was passed without amendment.

Pages 18963-18964

International Wheat Agreement: Senate passed with committee amendments (motion to reconsider tabled) S. 2449, to extend the International Wheat Agreement Act of 1949.

Pages 18964-18965

Senate Employees: S. Res. 113, providing for employment of six additional laborers by Senate Sergeant at Arms, was considered and indefinitely postponed.

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Zoo Police: H.R. 8464, to increase the salaries of police assigned to the National Zoological Park, was passed without amendment and cleared for White House.

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Donations to Libraries: Senate passed with committee amendment S. 155, permitting the donation of Government surplus property to libraries which are tax supported or publicly owned and operated.

Pages 18965-18966

Atomic Energy: S. 2568, to amend the Atomic Energy Act so as to add a new section 274, relating to cooperation with States, was made Senate's unfinished business.

Pages 18964, 18966

Nominations: Numerous Army nominations were received.

Pages 18979-18980

Recess: Recessed at 6:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INTRASTATE MOTOR CARRIERS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Surface Transportation Subcommittee held and concluded hearings on S. 2417, relating to ICC jurisdiction over intrastate motor carriers, with testimony in opposition thereto from Walter R. McDonald, representing the National Association of Railroad & Utilities Commissioners; Alan Boyd, member, Florida Railroad & Utilities Commission; and Wayne C. Seibert, counsel, Virginia State Commerce Commission.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2230, to amend the National Cultural Center Act with regard to disposition of certain donated funds; H.R. 616, designating the dam across the Lampasas River, Tex., as Stillhouse Hollow Dam; and H.R. 8035, designating Dyberry Dam and Reservoir,

Lackawaxen River Basin, Pa., as the General Edgar Jadwin Dam and Reservoir.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported the following measures: H.J. Res. 80, providing for the erection of a memorial tablet at Garden Key, Fla., in honor of Dr. Samuel Alexander Mudd; H. Con. Res. 404, to print additional copies of papers entitled "Compendium of Papers Submitted on Revision of the Federal Income Tax Laws"; H. Con. Res. 405, to print additional copies of hearings entitled "Hospital, Nursing Home, and Surgical Benefits for OASI Beneficiaries"; S.J. Res. 103, authorizing the Na-

tional Geographic Society to erect in the State of Virginia a memorial to Rear Adm. Richard E. Byrd; S. Res. 183, to print additional copies of part 3 of the Second Interim Report of the Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor or Management Field; S. Res. 184, to print additional copies of part 4 of the Second Interim Report of the Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor or Management Field; S. Res. 186, to print as a Senate document the study entitled "Tensions in Communist China"; and an original resolution authorizing printing, as a Senate document, of the proceedings of the 39th biennial meeting of the convention of the American Institute of the Deaf (approved at a previous meeting).

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 9172-9191; 10 private bills, H.R. 9192-9201; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 524-528, H. Con. Res. 437, and H. Res. 385 and 386, were introduced.

Pages 19010-19011

Bills Reported: Reports were filed as follows:

Disposition of executive papers (H. Rept. 1175); and H. Res. 384, a private resolution (H. Rept. 1176).

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President's Veto Message—Public Works: Received and read a veto message from the President on H.R. 9105, fiscal 1960 appropriations for public works. The message was ordered printed.

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Public Works Appropriation Bill Veto: By a record vote of 280 yeas to 121 nays the House overrode the President's veto of H.R. 9105, fiscal 1960 appropriations for public works.

Pages 18982-18983

Housing: By a voice vote the House suspended the rules and passed S. 2654, Housing Act of 1959, without amendment, and thus cleared the bill for Presidential consideration.

Pages 18983-18996

Cleared for President: The House cleared the following bills for Presidential action by agreeing to Senate amendments thereto:

Alien immigration: H.R. 5896, to provide for the entry of certain relatives of U.S. citizens and lawfully resident aliens.

Pages 18996-18997

Federal credit unions: H.R. 8305, to amend the Federal Credit Union Act.

Pages 18997-18998

Reclamation payments deferral: H.R. 1778, to amend the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 relative to permanent authority to grant deferment of payments in hard-ships cases.

Pages 18999-19000

Interstate transportation compact: H.J. Res. 403, granting consent of Congress to an interstate compact creating the New York-New Jersey Transportation Agency.

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Military moving costs: H.R. 4656, relating to application for moving costs resulting from military construction projects.

Pages 19006-19007

Air Pollution Control: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H.R. 7476, to extend for 2 additional years the authority of the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service with respect to air pollution control; requested a conference with the Senate; and appointed as conferees Representatives Harris, Roberts, Rhodes of Pennsylvania, Rogers of Florida, Bennett of Michigan, Schenck, and Devine.

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Mineral Leasing: The House adopted the conference report on S. 2181, proposed Mineral Leasing Act Amendments of 1959, and sent the legislation to the Senate.

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Indians: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H.R. 6672, authorizing longer term leases of Indian lands on the Agua Caliente (Palm Springs) Reservation; requested a conference with the Senate; and appointed as conferees Representatives Aspinall, Haley, Sisk, Langen, and Simpson of Illinois.

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Ocean Transportation: House adopted the conference report on H.R. 4002, authorizing the use of Great Lakes vessels on the oceans, and thus cleared the legislation for Presidential action.

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Committee Meeting

ISTHMIAN CANAL

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Heard executive testimony from the Chairman of the Board of Consultants on Isthmian Canal studies.

Joint Committee Meetings

BOND INTEREST RATES

Conferees met in executive session to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 9035, to increase the maximum interest rates on Government bonds, but did not reach final agreement, and will meet again tomorrow.

PUBLIC LAW 480

Conferees, in executive session, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 8609, to extend P.L. 480, Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954. As agreed to by the conferees, the bill would extend titles I and II of the bill for 2 years.

Friday, September 11, 1959

HIGHLIGHTS

Both Houses cleared for President bill on agricultural trade development extension.

Senate passed 21 bills on calendar call and numerous other bills on motion.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 19019-19042

Bills Introduced: 13 bills and 3 resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2681-2693; S.J. Res. 142; and S. Res. 191-192. Pages 19019, 19053-19054, 19073, 19119

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 7452, a private bill (S. Rept. 1006);

H.R. 8685, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to provide for Presidential appointment of a Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service (S. Rept. 1007);

S. 2105, to fix the salaries of certain officials of St. Elizabeths Hospital, with amendment (S. Rept. 1008);

Report of Committee on Government Operations entitled "Facts and Figures on Cancer: Its Occurrence in the U.S. and Abroad" (S. Rept. 1009); and

Report of Committee on Armed Services entitled "Operation of Article VII, NATO Status of Forces Treaty" (S. Rept. 1010). Page 19019

Conference Reports Adopted: The following conference reports were adopted:

Land transfer: S. 1436, removal of certain acreage limitations in Recreation Act of 1926 (cleared for President); and

Agricultural trade development: H.R. 8609, to extend the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 (cleared for President). Pages 19066-19070

Indian Lands: Senate insisted on its amendments to H.R. 6672, authorizing longer term leases of Indian lands on the Agua Caliente (Palm Springs) Reservation, agreed to hold conference requested by House, and appointed as conferees Senators Neuberger, Anderson, Gruening, Goldwater, and Allott. Page 19039

Air Pollution: Senate insisted on its amendments to H.R. 7476, to extend for 2 additional years the authority of the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service with respect to air pollution control, agreed to hold conference asked by House, and appointed Senators Chavez, Kerr, McNamara, Martin, and Cooper as conferees. Page 19046

Sundry Bills Passed: The following bills were taken up on motion and passed by Senate:

Atomic energy: S. 2568, to amend the Atomic Energy Act so as to add a new section 274, relating to cooperation with States (with committee amendments);

Bankruptcy: H.R. 5747, to amend the U.S. Code with respect to the concealment of assets in contemplation of bankruptcy (without amendment and cleared for President);

Statue to Uruguay: H.R. 8911, providing for the presentation of a statue of Gen. George Washington to the people of Uruguay (without amendment and cleared for President);

Photography: S. Con. Res. 75, favoring active participation by Federal agencies in the Fifth International Congress on High-Speed Photography, to be held in Washington, D.C., in 1960;

Oysters: S. 2632, to assist the States of New Jersey and Delaware in developing a strain of oysters resistant to causes which threaten the oyster industry on the east coast;

Game fish research: H.R. 5004, directing the Secretary of the Interior to make a continuing study of migratory gamefish;

Lighthouse retired pay: H.R. 5431, to provide a further increase in the retired pay of certain members of the former Lighthouse Service (without amendment and cleared for President);